**ABSTRACT:** 

There is disclosed a new meta data category and a method of building an information portal in accordance with a user profile utilising the new meta data category. Up until now, it has been very difficult for users of the world wide web to locate services and applications over the web, since search engines index web pages on a content basis, rather than on any functionality basis. The present application proposals a new meta data category including functional identifiers. Such functional identifiers would be written in a dedicated task description language (14) whose sole aim is to provide an adequate indexing of applications/services in a functional manner. The invention further relates to the generation of an information portal utilising the new meta data category.

[Figure 1]

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